for the Jenmies on the same topic about the same individuals concerned, and the answer was "we are waiting for the return of Messrs. Verghese and Puduval, because we cannot send these gentlemen to some other place as they are doing their work." Now they have returned, and these gentlemen are still retained. I want to know why certain selected hospitals are given to certain people, hospitals which every member of the medical profession is anxious to get hold of. Different hospitals have got different scope for work. Why is it that certain hospitals are reserved for certain people? Why, in defiance of the Standing Order, these people were not transferred, in spite of even the recommendation, or the wish or, I shall say, suggestion from the Chair, that rules laid down should be observed? Why was this allowed? Why was the wish of the Chair not carried out? Did I not tell you then that this sort of thing creates a sort of discontent among your subordinates with the Chief, and this will give room for others to say that they are the favourites of our Chief? I say it is the solemn duty on the part of the Head of the Department to deal as far as possible impartially, without giving any unnecessary irritation to the subordinates. I proclaim it is the solemn duty on your part to be impartial and to show no discrimination. Once the people begin to realise that there has been discrimination,—it may be right, it may not be the intention—but once discrimination is effected, demoralisation sets in. I pointed out this to you, and I say, what I have pointed out in each case has actually taken place. I repeat discontent and demoralisation are prevalent in the Medical Department, and I only say this much as a general remark, that no career established on the foundation of injustice watered by favouritism shall thrive, and if it thrives, it shall bring forth fruits which shall be vitiated by bitterness for the man who eats them.

The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. and re-assembled at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Demands for Supplementary Grants.—(*Contd.*)

3. XXXII—Miscellaneous—Special allowance to the subordinate staff.

Deputy President.—Supplementary grant.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,800 under 'XXXII—Miscellaneous—Special Allowance to the subordinate staff.'

In doing so, I may invite a reference to the Proceedings of the last Budget Session when the House refused the provision

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of Rs. 2,00,000, provided by the Government in the preliminary budget as a lump provision for the reorganisation of Departments in connection with the report of the Special Finance Committee, but granted instead only a sum of Rs. 30,000, in the words of the Leader of the Progressive Party, Dr. A. G. Menon, "just to force the Government to bring this matter and to place the Special Finance Committee's report as early as possible and take action on our deliberations; so we give Rs. 30,000." Government were trying to pass early orders on the report, but owing to numerous difficulties which the Diwan President has pointed out already, the reorganisation scheme could not be brought into effect during the current year, and hence the special allowance to our low-paid officers drawing between Rs. 10 and Rs. 20 per mensem was continued throughout the year anticipating the whole-hearted support of the House in such a measure, about which there was no difference of opinion, and thinking that it would be extremely hard to deny these subordinates the allowance they were enjoying, on the ground that the Council had not voted the additional grant. It is found that the expenditure, on account of the special allowance up to the end of Edavam, the accounts of which are being got ready, has come to Rs. 34,230-8-5, and it is likely that the payments in Mithunam and Karkadagam might have come to Rs. 6,500, thus making it probable that the budget allotment of Rs. 30,000 would be exceeded by Rs. 10,800 in round figures.

I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment. I may also add that the item has been scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee.

Question proposed: *That the additional grant asked for may be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

Voting of Demands for Grants (*contd.*).

15. XXI—Medical—(*contd.*)—Rs. 2,41,798.

Deputy President.—Before we begin to discuss, I wish to point out one fact, that we have got three or four Departments, and the time at our disposal is 2 hours. Cranganur stands altogether apart from the other budgets, and the Member for Cranganur may have to say something. I hope you will try to finish the other cuts as early as possible, so as to give him at least one hour. I don't think, under the Rules, I can give preference.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഇവരാൻ പ്രസിഡണ്ട് ഇന്നലെ ഉറന്നപാകയുണ്ടായി ഉച്ചതിരിഞ്ഞു Cranganur budget എടുക്കാമെന്നു.

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